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## New Member Application

Thank you for your interest to join Nassau County ARES. Your decision to join ARES is an important matter and requires understanding the nature and scope of your responsibilities and obligations for volunteering to do so.

### What You Should Know

The FCC Rules and Regulations of Part 97.1 define that the Basis and Purpose of Amateur Radio Communications is related to Public Service and Emergency Communications. In fact, the entire section pertains to our ability to provide emergency communications due to our work in technological advancement, our skill and technical ability, our recruitment and growth of the service and our recognition that our service is international in scope and that disasters do not discriminate based on nationality or locations.

A Nassau County ARES volunteer takes a genuine interest in our community and in the interests of our served agencies. An effective ARES volunteer needs to exhibit certain personality traits: the ability to work outside his or her comfort zone, and a willingness to serve. There is no room for ego in the EMCOMM services. You must understand that you may be told what to do, when to do it, and perhaps how to do it. You will probably need to be trained, and you are required to have EC-001 Certification for certain deployments. There's a good chance that praise and recognition will not come your way, even when you deserve it. Being an effective ARES volunteer begins with your *approach*. When you offer to volunteer in ARES, you are answering the ultimate CQ, "*We need help now!*" To answer that call requires willingness, ability, compassion and adaptability.

But ARES requires that you and your family come first and foremost. Only after you and they are satisfied that your family and home are safe and secure, may you offer yourself to be deployed for ARES service. This service may be for many hours or even days, and require traveling through or into locations that are possibly unsafe and uncomfortable. Your spouse and family need to be aware of your decision to do so and they, and you, must be fully equipped if you are deployed.

You must have a valid FCC License of Technician Class or higher. There are no dues in Nassau County ARES. We encourage you to join the ARRL but it is not a requirement. No other qualifications are required but you are responsible for purchasing your own Nassau County ARES deployment shirt, ARES safety vest and hat (apprx \$45.00), your own radio equipment and incurring the costs of any specialized training materials, books and testing fees that you may incur as you elect to take certain courses.

Please do not request to join Nassau County ARES unless you intend to participate and seek to further your skills and abilities in this volunteer service. You must complete this application and hand deliver it to the Nassau County DEC along with a copy of your FCC License at any regularly scheduled Nassau County ARES meeting.

Thank you!



## Effective Jan. 1, 2014, there are new classifications for Nassau County ARES Membership

**ARES ACTIVE MEMBERS** represent our core group of "A-Team" members. ACTIVE members routinely attend Meetings and Public Service Events each year. EC-001 is now a requirement for certain types of deployments and you must submit proof of Certification to the DEC of this course completion. EC-001 is not required to be an A-Team member.

**ARES RAPID RESPONSE MAT MEMBERS** are comprised of a new team of EC-001 certified members with special qualifications and equipment. This group will be ARES' First Responders / Mutual Aid Team for an emergency activation. They are comprised of our most experienced operators, net controllers and technicians.

**ARES RESERVE MEMBERS** are our back-up pool of operators who for business or personal reasons cannot attend regular ARES meetings or events, but who have demonstrated a strong commitment to assist ARES during storms and other activations. RESERVE Members attend a minimum of 2 meetings per year, participate in ARES Nets and the annual SET. If you wish to be considered for the ARES Reserves, please indicate this on your application.

**ARES Photo ID Badges** are provided on as-needed basis only. Having a photo taken is not a guarantee that you will be issued a Photo ID.

**ALL members** must participate in the Annual SET Drill. (Simulated Emergency Test).

**ARES members** must keep their Membership Qualifications and Contact Details current.

**ALL members deployed** for any ARES Activation must wear the appropriate Nassau County ARES safety attire, ARES uniform shirt and wear the ARES Photo ID Badge as required for each type of event. The DEC provides direction to the group based on the deployment.

**All members** must join the NC ARES Yahoo Group, since this is utilized to provide alerts and important information to our members.

YOUR FCC CALSIGN: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR 1<sup>st</sup> LICENSED \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT #: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN/CITY OF: CLB CGC TNH TOH TOB

EMAIL ADDRESS #1: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS #2: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO:** Contact's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR AVAILABILITY**

Are you "home bound" during an emergency? Yes No Maybe \_\_\_\_\_

Weekday Availability? Available Not Available \_\_\_\_\_

Weeknight Availability? Available Not Available \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Availability? Available Not Available \_\_\_\_\_

If necessary, could you deploy on short notice for up to 48 hours? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Below All Active Commitments You Now Have to Other Emergency Responder or Disaster Relief Agencies:

(Police, Fire, EMT/Paramedic, ARC, OEM, RACES, CERT, Skywarn, critical job responsibilities, etc.)



**TRAINING HISTORY**

CHECK ALL COURSE CERTIFICATIONS: ICS-100 ICS-200 ICS-700 ICS-800  
EC-001 EC-016 EC-002 EC-003

OTHER FEMA COURSE CERTIFICATIONS:

ARE YOU A RACES MEMBER? NO YES WHEN? RACES CONTACT:

ARE YOU SKYWARN TRAINED? NO YES ID# EXPIRES:

ARE YOU RED CROSS TRAINED? NO YES DESCRIBE:

ARE YOU CERT TRAINED? NO YES WHEN? COURSES:

PUBLIC SAFETY BACKGROUND? NO YES POLICE FIRE EMS OTHER:

ANY MILITARY SERVICE? NO YES DESCRIBE:

**CHECK ALL BANDS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE EQUIPMENT TO OPERATE:**

2M NO YES BASE MOBILE HT

70cm NO YES BASE MOBILE HT

6m NO YES BASE MOBILE HT

HF NO YES BASE MOBILE HT

COMMENTS:

**DIGITAL MODES AVAILABLE**

D-STAR NO YES BASE MOBILE HT notes:

PACKET NO YES BASE MOBILE HT CALL SIGN

WINLINK NO YES WINLINK EMAIL

BASE MOBIL PORTABLE

APRS NO YES BASE MOBILE HT CALL SIGN

NBEMS NO YES BASE MOBILE HT

EMERGENCY POWER    NO                      YES    TYPES: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW LONG ARE YOU SELF SUFFICIENT FROM COMMERCIAL POWER? \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUR CHARACTER REFERENCES**

#1 \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN

#2 \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN

#3 \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Received By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications, time and equipment with their local ARES leadership, for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. Because ARES is an Amateur Radio program, only licensed radio amateurs are eligible for membership.**

**Every licensed amateur, regardless of membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is eligible to apply for membership in ARES. Training may be required or desired to participate fully in ARES. The possession of emergency-powered equipment is highly desirable, but is not a requirement for membership.**

- You must hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio License. Class of the license will determine your operating assignments.
- You agree to maintain current application information about you (not made public) to Nassau County ARES.
- You pledge to meet reasonable participation expectations for meetings, training, drills and public service functions.
- You commit to obtaining certificates for minimum training requirements and supplying copies of them to the DEC.
- You pledge to make yourself reasonably available to respond to emergency deployments.
- You acknowledge that your participation is completely voluntary, provides no remuneration, liability or medical insurance and that you have the Right to refuse deployment for any reason or to any location you feel is unsafe.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Received For NC ARES By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Class:    ACTIVE                      MAT                      RESERVES \_\_\_\_\_